THE UNITED STATED DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

NEREIDA MENDEZ,)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	Case No. 04 C 4159
vs.)	
)	Honorable Mark Filip
PERLA DENTAL, DENTAL PROFILE)	
)	
Defendants.)	

DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR JUDGMENT AS A MATTER OF LAW ON PLAINTIFF'S ILLINOIS INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS CLAIM

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 50(a), Defendants Perla Dental, Dental Profile move this Court to enter Judgment as a Matter of Law in favor of Defendants on Plaintiff's Illinois intentional infliction of emotional distress (IIED) claim. Taking all the evidence from Plaintiff's case-in-chief, there is no legally sufficient evidentiary basis for a reasonable jury to find for the Plaintiff on her Illinois IIED claim. Defendants are entitled to Judgment as a Matter of Law because Plaintiff's case-in-chief, even if taken as true, failed to prove Illinois IIED by a preponderance of the evidence. In support of its Motion, Defendants submit their Memorandum in Support.

WHEREFORE, Defendants Perla Dental, Dental Profile request that this Court enter Judgment as a Matter of Law for Defendants in their favor on Plaintiff's Illinois IIED claim.

Respectfully submitted,

PERLA DENTAL, DENTAL PROFILE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Craig R. Thorstenson, an attorney, certify that on April 25, 2007 I served the foregoing DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR JUDGMENT AS A MATTER OF LAW and MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT upon the following via personal hand delivery:

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